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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ISRO has signed agreements with Singapore, Israel and other countries to launch satellites;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating salient features of the agreements;

(c) the details of joint long term space research programmes with these countries; and

(d) the number of Indian and foreign satellites launched by the ISRO till date and the foreign exchange earned therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE) :

(a) ANTRIX Corporation Limited, the marketing arm of the Department of Space, has signed an agreement with Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore to launch a microsatellite.

(b) The Nanyang Technological University satellite, X-Sat, is a 100 kg class microsatellite to be launched by the Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) during 2005-06. The agreement provides for testing support for X-Sat and launch on PSLV.

(c) The agreement with NTU, Singapore is for launch services. ISRO has long term co-operative agreements with 23 countries including Israel. These joint, long-term, research programmes are aimed at peaceful uses of outer space.

(d) ISRO has so far launched 35 Indian Satellites and 4 microsatellites for international customers. The total foreign exchange earned through the launch of these four microsatellites is about Rs.10 crores.